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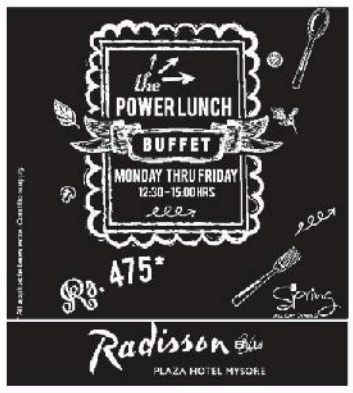


Doctors' Strike on Dec. 11

- IMA opposes Govt. move to allow Ayurvedic doctors to perform surgeries
- Calls it 'mixopathy' akin to promoting quackery and threat to human life

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (PM&BCT)- All non-essential and non-COVID services are likely to be hit on Dec. 11 between 6 am and 6 pm following a protest call by the Indian Medical Association (IMA), which is up in arms against the Central Government allowing Post-Graduate scholars of Ayurveda to formally practice general surgery, including ortho and dentistry.

As a prelude to the strike, all doctors attended to patients by pinning black ribbons today.

Emergency services including casualty, labour rooms and emergency surgeries will, however, function along with inpatient services including ICUs and critical care.

Last month, the Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) had allowed PG degree holders of Ayurveda to perform a variety of procedures including general surgery, orthopaedic, ophthalmology, ENT and dental procedures and surgeries.

The students would receive training in 'shalya' (general surgery) and 'shalakya' (diseases of ear, nose, throat, eye, head, oro-dentistry) specialisations. It will make them legally valid to perform procedures such as skin grafting, cataract surgery and root canal treatment.

Doctors at K.R. Hospital in city are seen sporting black ribbons on white coats to register their protest against the Centre's move to allow PG degree holders of Ayurveda to perform surgeries.

At a press conference held at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning, IMA, Mysuru Branch office-bearers opposed the Centre's move. They not only raised serious objections to it but also to the use of 'mixopathy' because they believe that each and every variant of medicine is different and has its own identity and the amalgamation of various streams of medical science is a threat to human life and the healthcare system.

"Our main motive behind this protest is to reach out to the common people, to make them aware of this threat. Mixing medical sciences and medicines is a great threat to patients and this will increase the burden on the students and healthcare system," said IMA Mysuru Branch President Dr. B.N. Anandaravi.

"All over India, students and practitioners of modern medicine are agitated over this violation of mutual identity and respect," said Dr. S.P. Yoganna adding that IMA will resist all efforts to mix systems.

The latest move by the Centre is an addition to the host of decisions taken amid COVID-19 pandemic. IMA has been openly opposing such policy moves by the Centre, especially the plan to mix modern medicine with traditional systems of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH), in coming years.

IMA Secretary Dr. N. Chandrabhan Singh, office-bearers and members Dr. Siddesh, Dr. C. Rajan, Dr. Prasanna Shankar; Mysore Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Diagnostic Centres (MAHAN) President and Senior Consultant Physician Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem and others were present at the press meet.

Hookah barred ?

Crackdown on Hookah Bars in city imminent

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (RK&BCT)- A crackdown on hookah bars in city is imminent as Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly yesterday that the State Government is going all out to bring to book violating establishments.

"Gambling, hookah bars, drug consumption and drug peddling and illegal arms are all interconnected. Action at the ground level and strong legislations are being worked out to control it," the Home Minister said. He was replying to a question by Chamaraja Constituency MLA L. Nagendra who demanded the Government to curb hookah bars.

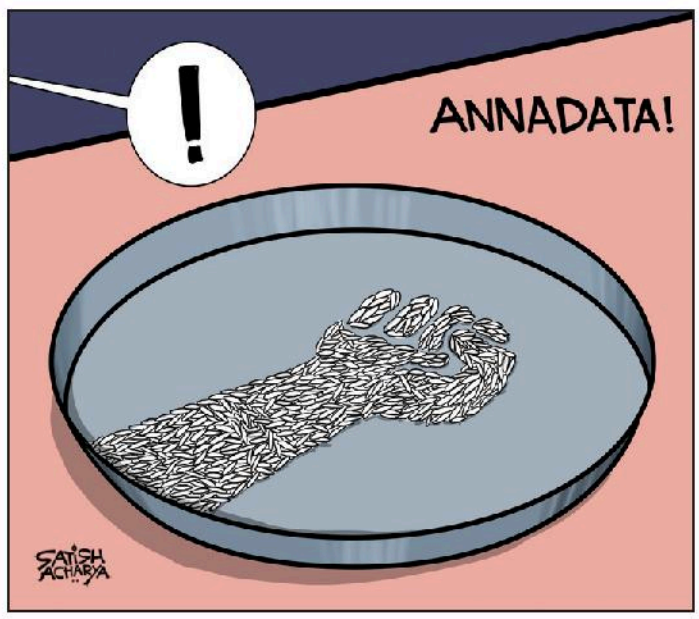
The MLA said that the hookah bars were spoiling the youths these days and they get on to smoking and drugs easily once they are addicted to hookah bars.

Till November-end this year, the State Government has registered 3,852 cases under various Sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Out of these, charge-sheets have been filed in 2,285 cases, Basavaraj Bommai revealed.

"We aim to set up basic labs in all districts while starting five more regional Forensic Science Labs in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi, Kalaburagi and Belagavi in a year's time for speedy disposal of drug-related cases," the Home Minister said.

(See HOOKAH on page 7)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 9th December 2020

Online workshop on Evaluation for Telugu Teachers at CIIL

Mysuru, Dec. 9-A five-day online Training-cum-Workshop on Testing and Evaluation for Assistant Professors, Teachers (Secondary and Higher Secondary) and Research Scholars of Telugu from all over India, began at National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, on Dec.7.

In his inaugural address, Prof. P.R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Professor-cum-Deputy Director, CIIL and Head, NTS-I, briefed the activities of NTS-I through its three functional units — Research & Development, Survey & Documentation, Consultancy & Training. He said that NTS has been doing its best to sort out and solve the issues related to language testing & evaluation.

Prof. Viswanthappa and Prof. P. R. Harinath, both from Regional Institute of Education, NCERT, Mysuru; Prof. M. Sampath Kumar, former Professor of Telugu, University of Madras; Dr. R. Mahendar Reddy, Assistant Professor in Telugu, Government Degree & PG College, Siddipeta, Telangana; NTS-I faculties — Dr. V. Ilangovan, Dr. R. Shakunthala, Dr. M. Narayana Reddy and Technical JRPs — Ancy Thomas, K. S. Raghavan, Amit Kumar Jha, N. Kashyap and Ghazala Sulatana will train the participants in various academic and technical sessions of this online workshop.

Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Officer In-Charge, NTS-India is the Programme coordinator. Prof. C.G. Venkatesha Murthy, Director, CIIL, Mysuru is overall patron of the workshop.

About sixty teachers/research scholars, who have engaged in teaching/research of Telugu from various Higher Secondary Schools, Universities and Colleges of India, are participating in this online workshop.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Christmas and New Year season, for many of us, is gift-giving time. Should we simply recycle what someone gifted us last year, which is sitting there in the cupboard, unused? The wedding season is also a time for gifting decisions that can take up a huge amount of time and energy. The thing is, many of us have, during this long pandemic period of confinement and reflection, adopted a lifestyle change — to consciously declutter the home by reducing the number of objects that occupy considerable space. With homes becoming smaller in size, it is all the more difficult to store memorabilia and collectibles that tend to gather dust and some even lie forgotten for months and even years in lofts and other storage spaces. One could view this declutter drive as a way to make inroads into the spiritual path, to be able to distance oneself from worldly attachments, of which objects do form a very big part. There are those who circumvent this complicated decision-making process by gifting money, so the recipient can choose to buy what she wants or simply save it for a rainy day.

But those who wish to gift something with a personal touch that will be cherished, to be never forgotten, there is an option. You can gift an experience. I think the first 'experience gift' I received was on my birthday, from a rich relative; it was a year's membership to a health club close to my workplace. It came as a complete and very pleasant surprise, and did me wonders. And another time, it was an unforgettable holiday at a wildlife sanctuary, the gift cost shared by two older siblings. These may not be affordable gifts to give away for many of us, but there are indeed many 'experience gift' ideas that are easy on the pocket and accessible, too. Enrolment in a yoga, meditation, pottery-making, baking or language workshop, restaurant dinner coupons, a paid-for heritage or nature walk, tickets to a concert or a spectator sport, a weekend in an ashram, visit to a bird sanctuary, a metro card... the possibilities are exciting and limitless. And perhaps more refreshing and interesting than receiving a physical object as gift. At the end of the day, memories are all one is left with. — *Narayani Ganesh in The Times of India*

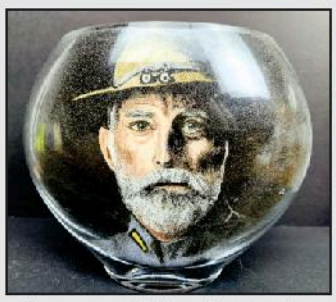
NEWS SPARKLERS

Man gets fins implanted to skull to sense weather

Madrid: Spanish artist Manel de Aguas, a founding member of the Trans-Species society, he uses technological implants to experience the world differently than the rest of humanity.

The 24-year-old artist first made international news headlines in August 2017, when he built the first prototype of a device that allowed him to feel atmospheric vibrations. At the time, it was nothing more than an exposed circuit board that hung on a headband at the back of his head. The following year, he started attaching a pair of fins to the sides of his head, and announced his intention to have them implanted into his skull. Earlier this year, de Aguas did just that, turning those decorative fins into functional organs that perceive the temperature, humidity and atmospheric pressure and send sounds to Manel's brain via bone conduction.

3D artworks made with layers of coloured sand



Toronto: Falling in Sand, a Toronto-based art studio, specialises in detailed 2D and 3D sand artworks created by expertly layering colored sand in various transparent containers.

The story of Falling in Sand began in 2018 when artist James Sun started showcasing his early sand art on social media platform. Today, the studio create all kinds of sand art, from portraits of celebrities and fictional characters, to beautiful sceneries. They are all made by meticulously adding layers of colored sand on top of each other using a needle-like tool.

James Sun starts by creating an outline of the design, then proceeds to gradually fill it with whatever background color he chooses for his project. He slowly pumps colored sand through that thin tool he so expertly wields and also uses it to arrange the specks of sands so they fall into just the right position.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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By Kavya J. - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	65
Total positive cases	:	51,144
Discharges yesterday	:	47
Total discharges	:	49,810
Deaths yesterday	:	1
Total deaths	:	1,002
Total active cases	:	332

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	18
Total positive cases	:	18,887
Total discharges	:	18,408
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	332

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	15
Total positive cases	:	6,473
Total discharges	:	6,229
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	117

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	5
Total positive cases	:	5,385
Total discharges	:	5,238
Total deaths	:	68
Total active cases	:	79

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	49
Total positive cases	:	27,365
Total discharges	:	26,580
Total deaths	:	387
Total active cases	:	398

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A squadron leader was explaining how to use a parachute to a new recruit.

'What happens,' ***the new recruit interrupted,*** *'when the parachute doesn't open?'*

'In that case you come back. I will give you a new one!'

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.59
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.44
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.03
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.30

VOICE OF THE READER

Frequent power shutdown by CESC during day-time

Sir,

It is annoying to note innumerable times that Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Mysuru Division, is resorting to frequent power shutdown with just one day prior press notice in newspapers and through SMS to consumer's mobile phone for emergency maintenance works. This is causing inconvenience for domestic and small and medium industries in and around Mysuru throwing out of gear the pre-planned business activities in the day.

Nowadays most of the power distribution centres are equipped with state-of-the-art technology with automated tools to reduce drudgery to the electrical power staff and to avert the possible and sudden power swings and trippings of High Tension power lines in its vast Power Distribution Networks either for domestic or industrial supplies.

In Bengaluru City, as I learn, there is no power shutdown frequently as in Mysuru. It is not known whether Mysuru CESC is plagued by the reduction of staff strength or there is frequent shortage of HT Feeder Lines to Mysuru from the main power generating areas much away from Mysuru city or with the aim to conserve that much power through power-cuts.

Common electrical power consumers are held to ransom by CESC with such frequent power shutdown during the daytime without revealing the real problems of CESC.

— B. Aravinda Prasad, Senior Scientist, CFTRI, Retd.
Bogadi II Stage 7.12.2020

Former CM S.R. Kanti's wife dies at 104

Bagalkot, Dec. 9- Maribasamma (104), wife of former Karnataka Chief Minister late S.R. Kanti, passed away at KLE Hospital in Belagavi yesterday following age related ailments. She leaves behind son Mahendra Kanti, Chairman of Sainik School at Kittur in Belagavi. Another son had predeceased her a few years ago.

Maribasamma

The body of Maribasamma was kept at the Sainik School for the public to pay their last respects. Last rites took place at Ilkal in Bagalkot yesterday.

Shivalingappa Rudrappa Kanti, popularly known as S.R. Kanti, was the Chief Minister of the then Mysore State for 96 days in 1962. He hailed from Lingayat community in Hungund, Bagalkot (formerly Bijapur).

A member of INC, he served as the Assembly Speaker from 1956 to 1962. As Education Minister in S. Nijalingappa Cabinet, he was instrumental in the establishment of Bangalore University and Kittur Rani Chennamma Sainik Schools.

Obituary

Suryanarayana

Mysuru, Dec. 9- Suryanarayana (58), a retired employee of RMP (BARC) Accounts Department and a resident of Ashokapuram, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife Shashikala, sons Manjunath and Bharat and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Ashokapuram Burial Grounds yesterday.

Parvathamma

Kikkeri: Parvathamma (72), a resident of Dabbeghatta village and a Vishwakarma Community leader, passed away at the village yesterday. She leaves behind three sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the deceased's farm.

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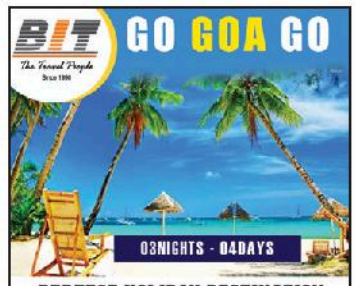
Corona Warriors feted during 'Namma Police' programme

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (MK&KS)- Mysuru City Traffic Division, Devaraja Traffic Police and Akhila Bharatiya Rajendra Mahila Parishat had organised a unique programme 'Namma Police' at Devaraja Traffic Police Station in city recently.

The members of Mahila Parishat applied *tilak* on the forehead of Police personnel, performed *arati* and distributed masks, sanitisers and badam packets to the Corona warriors.

Speaking on the occasion Devaraja Traffic Inspector N. Muniyappa lauded the members of Mahila Parishat for recognising the services of Police personnel and expressing their concern towards the health of cops and added that this gesture would help them perform their duties better.

The Inspector suggested Police personnel to work in co-operation with the public and create awareness on Traffic rules and regulations while discharging duties. He also advised them to be people-friendly and show presence of mind during work. Sub-Inspector Lepaksha, Mahila Parishat's Babitha, Kanchana Devi, Usha Devi and others were present.



Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 9- As the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up the 3rd quarterly maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: **Hemmaragala Power Distribution Centre:** Hemmaragala, Nerale, Hedatale villages and GP limits.

Karya Power Distribution Centre: Hadya, Kahalli, Kamahalli, Karya, Aralikattehundi, Banur, Chinnamballi, Chunchanahalli, Hanumanapura, Kakkaharahatti, Bogyyanahundi villages and GP limits, according to a press release from CESC.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Apply for vacant posts at ITI

The Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), N.R. Mohalla, has invited applications from eligible candidates for filling up of vacant posts on merit-cum-roaster basis through direct recruitment. Interested may collect the prescribed application forms from the office and submit the filled in forms, along with relevant documents, by Dec. 10. Counselling to choose the posts will be held on Dec. 11 at 10.30 am. For details, contact Mob: 97418-78558 or 99808-83030.

Swati Puja

On the auspicious occasion of Swati Nakshatra, Swati Puja has been organised at Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Vijayanagar First Stage, in city on Dec. 11. Special pujas including Abhisheka, Alankara, and Mahamangalarati will be held in the morning with prasada distribution at 1 pm. Rituals will be performed by Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji, according to a press release from the Temple.

Annual General Body Meetings

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Retired Police Officers' Association will be held on Dec. 12 at 10 am at the new Association Office in Jalapuri. Association President M.C. Mariswamy will chair the meeting.

The 26th AGM of the city's Sri Basaveshwara Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., located on the 4th Cross, Basaveshwara Road, K.R. Mohalla, will take place at Nataraja Kalyana Mantapa, Shankar Mutt Road, K.R. Mohalla, at 10.30 am on Dec. 13. For details, call Ph: 0821-2371623, according to a press release.

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Today	120.00 ft
Yesterday	120.00 ft
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Outflow	3,408 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.37 ft
Inflow	820 cusecs
Outflow	1,050 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,831.03 ft
Inflow	275 cusecs
Outflow	820 cusecs

'Tribal medicine faces danger of extinction'

Workshop debates ways and means to protect system of 'Naati Vaidya'

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (MTY&BCT)- There are more than 50 tribal communities in Karnataka and many of them are on the verge of extinction. They are contributing to the society in their own unique way, said Head of the Department of Anthropology, University of Mysore (UoM), Prof. M.R. Gangadhar in city on Monday.

He was participating in a three-day workshop organised jointly by Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSRTI) and the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs at KSRTI premises.

Prof. Gangadhar, who inaugurated the workshop, regretted the pathetic condition in which the members of tribal communities were leading their lives without proper facility, recognition and even basic amenities.

"Successive Governments — both at the Centre and in the State — make tall claims of having spent thousands of crores of rupees on the welfare of the tribals every year and in every Budget. But a vast majority of the tribals continue to live in misery. No one knows where the money goes as the condition of tribals has not changed at all," he said.

He said that many laws dealing with forest conservation have dealt a body blow to the tribals as they are prohibited from collecting produce from the forests for their needs and medicines. These tribals live out of forest produce and the laws have snatched away their very livelihood. The Government must allot land so that the tribals could grow and nurture such plants themselves, he added.

Many tribals have migrated to towns and cities thereby losing their unique and distinct identity. Their culture is lost forever and have remained only in books as part of Anthropology syllabus, he revealed.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. T.T. Basavanagouda, Director of KSTRI, said that he had recommended to the State Government to allocate 10 acres to each practitioner of tribal medicine *(Naati Vaidya)* so that they can have a garden to nurture medicinal plants.

"Practitioners of tribal medicine are socioeconomically backward and are largely found in pockets of Bidar and Harihar, where they dwell in huts. "They struggle to eke out a living. They are practising the craft that has been handed over to them by their ancestors. Unfortunately, this practise will be lost for ever if steps are not taken to protect them," he opined

Citing the example of Rajgond tribals who live in parts of Bidar, Bengaluru and Davanagere, Prof. Basavanagouda said that only 5,000 odd of the community members are spread across these places. Some of the Rajgond tribals have been invited for the workshop where they will share their expertise in preparing traditional medicine.

Also, six tribal medicine experts are attending the workshop and they too will share knowledge about the medicines. The knowledge will be documented and steps will be taken to conserve them, he added.

He said that KSRTI had the intention of going with the Union Government's 'Vocal for Local' concept and has organised this workshop to discuss and implement policies and programmes to preserve the traditional system of medicine.

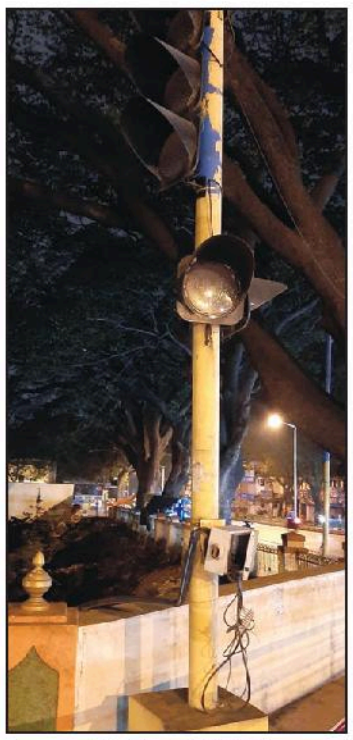
"Of the more than 50 tribal communities spread across Karnataka, the KSRTI was able to document the history and practices of 23 of them, including Soligas, Jenu Kurubas, Kadu Kurubas and Malekudiyas. We will submit a report to both State and Central Governments once we have completed the report and contribute to the conservation of traditional medicine," Prof. Basavanagouda explained.

Increasing thefts of traffic management equipment in city

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (MK&KS)- Miscreants stealing traffic management equipment such as control switches, signal light batteries, speakers meant to manage traffic etc., which is increasing day-by-day is turning out to be a headache for City Police.

City Police Department have installed Traffic Signal Control Boxes by spending crores of rupees to manage and streamline traffic on city roads and these boxes are being stolen by miscreants.

Many such boxes installed near Shanthala Theatre and Ramaswamy Circle on Chamaraja Double Road and other places have been broken open and switches and other equipment inside the boxes are stolen, resulting in Traffic Signal Lights going out of order. Though the boxes are replaced, they are being stolen after a few days, a few Police personnel bemoaned.



Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) - Law and Order, Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda said: "Immediate attention would be given to prevent Traffic Signal Control Box installed to manage signal lights being damaged and parts being stolen."

TEASER By N. Prakash

Increased footfall reassures industry as tourism picks up

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (RK&BCT)- Winter is in the air, so is the battered tourism industry is picking up as the COVID-19 epidemic recedes in Karnataka. Many scenic spots in regions with low risk have reopened to tourists, bringing dawn and hope to the hard-hit industry.

As the epidemic is levelling off, the tourism industry that has not seen much activity since the last 10 months has shown signs of recovery. Restrictions have eased a bit and families are acclimatising themselves to a life where social distancing and face masks are the norm, many have started making travel plans.

The number of daily COVID-infected persons has drastically come down in Mysuru after the surge in July, August and September. Even the recovery rates are high. This has made tourists to slowly arrive to tourist destinations in and around Mysuru.

Industry hit hard

In a normal year, the tourist season starts a month ahead of Dasara and goes on till December and January first week after the New Year celebrations. And tourism is a cross-sector industry where travels and hotels too benefit along with people who are dependent on tourism and the employees of tourism industry.

This year, however, thanks to the virus attack and the resultant lockdown, there was a literal shut down till October. That month also saw low-key Dasara where the *Jumboo Savari* was restricted to Mysore Palace premises instead of the usual 5-km walk till the Torchlight Parade Grounds.

The tourism peak season is the time when people flock to Mysuru and there is a huge demand for transport (road, rail and air), accommodation, food, shopping and recreation. This year, the scene was different and it literally broke the back of the industry stakeholders. However, the industry is limping back to normalcy and stakeholders say that looking at the number of tourists arriving at tourist spots, it is encouraging and self-assuring.

Increased footfall during weekends

Weekends are showing increased footfalls around Mysore Palace, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill, KRS Dam, Ranganathittu, Sri Nimishamba Temple, Tripurasundari Jwalamukhi Temple at Uthanahalli, Nanjangud Srikanteshwara Temple, Talakad, Mudukuthore, safaris like in Bandipur Tiger Reserve and Srirangapatna. Though there is no large number of tourists, the existing number of footfalls is encouraging, say industry experts.

The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) destinations too have reported good footfalls since November second week. KSTDC properties in Mysuru, Kodagu and Srirangapatna were doing very well.

Shunning shared transport

Even many accommodations have started reporting good business of late. "Visitors are travelling to places. The weekends have been very good. Most people are travelling in their own vehicles though, as apprehensions about public and shared transport continue," KSTDC sources said.

While weekends are doing fairly well, especially in the higher segment as hotels are almost full. Weekdays are, however, suffering still with 20 percent to 30 percent occupancy.

Food and accommodations including the hotel industry now have an added responsibility of ensuring that the virus does not spread. So they are being very strict. Guests have to wear masks and maintain social distance. They have in-house laundries and cleaning is what takes time as they have to disinfect. Hotels are taking longer to hand over rooms to the next guest as there is elaborate cleaning process.

Insurance Companies offer COVID-specific insurance for people to travel fearlessly

Giving a boost to travel amidst pandemic, Insurance Companies are offering COVID-specific insurance so that travellers venture out fearlessly. These insurances benefit travellers with coverage of Rs. 2 lakh per customer.

The insurance covers hospitalisation for 16 days post-travel in case of virus. Other benefits covered under the insurance policy include zero restrictions on room rent, consumables, post-hospitalisation diagnostics, etc. Even a couple of travel companies are offering the insurance for free when a package of a certain amount is booked.

Cinemas still shut

A handful of theatres opened recently but shut down again. With barely 15 to 20 people turning up for a show, theatre owners say the collections don't even cover hall maintenance. Even producers aren't willing to release big-budget films, given that seating restrictions are in place. Only 50 percent occupancy is now allowed.

Theatre owners say that with 50 percent occupancy, it is difficult to maintain the halls as salaries, water and electricity bills have to be paid. Also, the annual licence fee has gone up to Rs. 1.2 lakh in two years. It is impossible to pay this amount, they say. Theatre owners are also demanding that electricity rates for theatres be deemed industrial and not commercial, as it is now.

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06201/06202	Tipu Express (Super Fast)	11.30 am	02.00 pm	03.15 pm	05.45 pm
[06201 - Dec. 7-16 and 06202 - Dec. 8-17 - Partially Unreserved]					
07307/07308	Mysore-Bagalkot Basava Express	01.30 pm	04.30 pm	11.15 am	01.50 pm
[07307 - Dec. 7-16 and 07308 - Dec. 8-17 - Fully Reserved]					
06227/06228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Express	07.30 pm	10.30 pm	04.30 am	07.45 am
[06227 - Dec. 9-18 and 06228 - Dec. 10-19 - Fully Reserved]					

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[06223 - Dec. 7-16 and 06234 - Dec. 7-16 - Fully Unreserved]					

TOWARDS BANGARPET (MEMU)

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06558/06557	Mysore-Bangarpet	05.50 am	10.40 am	05.40 pm	10.25 pm
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[06220 - Dec.8-Jan.1 & 06219 - Dec.7-Dec.31 - Fully Reserved]					

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NOTE: The above mentioned special trains will run during the days mentioned in the brackets. However, depending upon the occupancy of these trains, further extension will be considered. Passengers are appealed to strictly follow all COVID-19 guidelines including wearing of mask, sanitisation etc., in the trains and at Railway Stations.

Fund crunch hits Zoo subway works

- First phase to be completed by Jan. end; Second phase halted
- Gate collection hits rock bottom due to COVID-19

Entrance to the subway from the Mysuru Zoo parking lot.

Steps leading to the subway from the Zoo.

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (MTY&KS)- The construction work of a subway to enable visitors and tourists to cross the busy Shalivahana Road (road in front of the Zoo) from the parking lot to enter Mysuru Zoo, began in January this year and the first phase of works would be completed by the end of January 2021 and the subway will be opened for the tourists.

Disclosing this to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajith M. Kulkarni said that the second phase of works comprising art works on the walls of the subway, installation of railings and ornamental lights among others will not be taken up at present owing to less revenue to the Zoo now.

He said that following COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown, the Zoo was closed for visitors and tourists resulting in zero revenue. After the lockdown rules was relaxed and the Zoo opened its gates for the visitors, the revenue received through footfalls to the Zoo was very less and the Zoo had to depend on the revenue received through donations and adoption of Zoo animals for its maintenance.

He further said that as the footfall to the Zoo is slowly picking up, the second phase of works would be taken up later and added that the subway would be opened for tourists and visitors after the completion of the first phase of works in another one-and-a-half months.

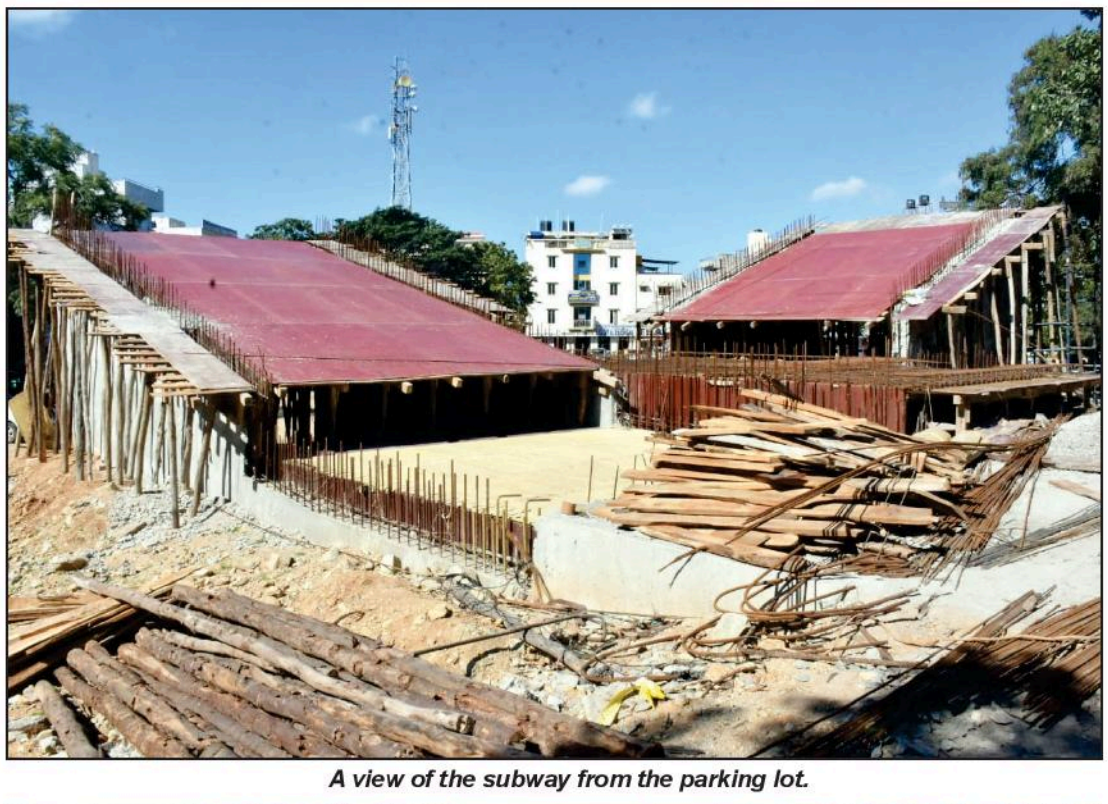
It may be recalled that the construction of the subway from the parking lot to the Zoo was taken up at a cost of Rs. 1.75 crore and the tender was awarded to Vinyas Builders of Bengaluru, who has sought six months time to complete the subway construction.

The subway works was scheduled to commence from Jan. 2 and the Police had given a deadline for the completion of the construction by Feb. 15. As there was influx of tourists to city then, the works were postponed for 15 days and the works began on Jan. 17 which was scheduled to be completed by March 2. The subway is 24 meters in length, 4.9 mts wide and 10 ft. tall. A total of 13 ft. deep trench was dug up across the road and the road was closed for vehicular traffic.

But the works were delayed by a month when the diggers hit huge boulders and a water pipeline. It was further delayed when supply of construction materials was hit due to the lockdown. Following COVID-19 pandemic, the contractor faced shortage of labourers and labourers were brought from North Karnataka to get the works completed at the earliest.

Finally, the Shalivahana Road was opened for traffic on Sept. 20 evening after the roofing and curing works of the subway that runs under the road was completed. Then came Dasara and Deepavali and the contractor again faced shortage of labourers as the workers took leave for the festivities but did not return.

Now, only the first phase of works is in progress which require another one-and-a-half months to be completed and the subway will be thrown open for tourists and visitors to the Zoo, according to Zoo officials.



A view of the subway from the parking lot.

A view of the subway from the Zoo side.

Panchalinga Darshana Mahotsava from tomorrow

COVID-19 test report must for local devotees

Mysuru, Dec.9 (SSV)- The District Administration has banned entry of outsiders for the much-awaited Talakad Panchalinga Darshana Mahotsava to be held from Dec. 10 to Dec.19 with the auspicious *darshan* on Dec. 14.

This time, the event is open only for 35,000 persons of Talakad, B. Shettahalli and Holesaalu Gram Panchayats, that too till 3 pm daily.

These important decisions were taken at a meeting of District-level Officers chaired by Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri here yesterday. She said as per recommendation of the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee, only 1,000 persons are allowed to have *darshan* daily. However, 1,500 persons will be provided opportunity to have *darshan* on Dec. 14 which is said to be the most auspicious day. But, all those who wish to have *darshan* must compulsorily show RT-PCR test report without which entry will be denied.

SP C.B. Ryshyanth said since they needed additional staff in connection with upcoming Gram Panchayat polls, it would be difficult to deploy large Police force for *Panchalinga Darshana* duty. Hence, the staff would work in two shifts. It would become very late for people to come back after *darshan* if they were allowed entry after 3 pm. So, it has been decided not to allow anybody after 3 pm daily, he added.

The SP said nine check posts have been set up for security reasons. Barricading has been done wherever necessary. Devotees must not get into the river for bathing, he added.

District Health Officer Dr. T. Amarnath said in all, 10 medical teams including doctors had been deployed. COVID-19 testing centres had been opened near all five temples. Five ambulances would be stationed for any medical emergency, he added.

Two fire tenders will be stationed by Department of Fire and Emergency Services. Besides, there will be boats in the river as a precaution. Assistant Commissioner Dr. N.C. Venkataraju, T. Narasipur Tahsildhar Nagesh attended the meeting.

Hookah barred ?

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When *SOM* contacted Mysuru DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda seeking his reaction on the action to be taken against hookah bars operating in Mysuru following the Home Minister's announcement, he said that in Mysuru there were over six to seven hookah bars.

"These are licenced hookah bars and we have closed down all unauthorised ones. If the Government decides to close all hookah bars, we will definitely do so. We have to implement Government order. As of now, it is an announcement in the Assembly. The rule has to be worked out and once the guidelines and enforcement modalities are ready, we will get the official order. Implementation will start after that," he said.

Since hookah bars is a health and Police subject, the Police and the Health and Family Welfare Department have to jointly enforce the Government order once it is official. Special teams will be formed to crackdown on the trade if the Government decides to close down hookah bars, the DCP added.

It may be recalled, CCB Police and members of MCC Standing Committee on Health raided a few hookah bars in city last year and closed them for violating Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) and seized various equipment and flavoured tobacco packets. These bars were run clandestinely by certain influential people at Bannimantap, Vontikoppal and Kalidasa Road, hoodwinking the law.

JD(S) MLCs help in passage of Karnataka Land Reforms Bill in Council

Bengaluru, Dec.9- Janata Dal (Secular) members helped in the passage of the controversial "Karnataka Land Reforms Bill" in the State Legislative Council where it was defeated in previous Session.

This came as a surprise for Congress as it had expected the JD(S) to continue to oppose the Bill which was against interest of farming community. However, the JD(S) members took a U-turn and voted in favour of the Bill when it was put for voting in the Council yesterday. Surprisingly, the JD(S) had extended support to the farmers' cause over farm bills in the morning but they supported the ruling BJP in the amendment to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act (1961) that allowed non-agriculturists to buy agriculture land in Karnataka.

Revenue Minister R. Ashok tabled the Bill to which the Opposition Party leaders expressed their grave concern over deprivation of farm land to farmers as non-agriculturists would be allowed to buy agriculture land.

Opposition Leader in the Legislative Council S.R. Patil alleged that the State Government was introducing these amendments only to please its High Command. The BJP has two options. Firstly, to take pro-farmer stand by dropping its proposed amendment to the Act or be ready to be blamed in future for allowing people not connected with farming to buy agriculture land.

Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa informed members that the Government has put a condition to the buyers that purchase of any irrigation land has to be used for irrigation purpose. Farmers were intelligent and no farmer will sell land just because there is a law. "Our Government is pro-farmer and will not pass any law which will harm interest of farmers. We have used only two per cent of the land in the State for industries and the proposed amendment will help in setting up industries."

This was followed by a heated debate and Congress leaders sought the division of votes thinking that the JD(S) will support to defeat the Bill. Much to their surprise, all JD(S) members, except Marithibbegowda, supported the Bill and voted in favour of the Government. Finally, the Bill was passed with 37 and 21 votes. While 37 MLCs from BJP and JD-S (10 MLCs) supported and voted in favour of the amendment, 21 MLCs from Congress voted against it.

Farmers, Kannada activists hold protest in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, Dec. 9 (SSV)- Protest rallies by Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) and Karnataka Rakshana Vedike (KRV) to push for repeal of the new agricultural laws have begun from two different places in city this morning.

While KRRS, which started the rally from KSR Railway Station, wants to lay siege to Vidhana Soudha, the KRV activists want to gherao Raj Bhavan as symbol of protest. Both the protest rallies were midway when we went to the Press.

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APMCs will not be closed: Minister

Somashekar

Mysuru, Dec.9 (YDS&SSV)- Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar has said there are more benefits for farmers from the amendment to the APMC Act than problems. It is a historic agriculture Bill passed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for uplift of farming community.

In a press release here, he clarified that no APMC will be closed down and the system of Minimum Support Price (MSP) will continue. Whenever the prices of any agricultural commodity falls, the Government would intervene and buy at the MSP.

The draconian provisions in the Act such as punishment and penalty for selling the commodities outside the AMPC have been removed. So, farmers can sell the commodities anywhere they wished.

GP polls: Winter Session of Assembly cut short

Bengaluru, Dec.9 (SSV)- In the wake of upcoming Gram Panchayat (GP) polls, the seven-day-long Winter Session of Karnataka Legislative Assembly will now be curtailed by three days. So, the session will end on Dec. 10, said Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri.

He said it was earlier decided to hold the session from Dec. 7 to 15. With the announcement of GP polls, it was decided at the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting for the advance closure of Assembly, keeping in mind the opinion of Members. Accordingly, the Session will end on Dec.10, the Speaker said.

Special discussion on the subject "One nation, one election" that was scheduled for Dec. 14 and 15, will now be taken up during next session, he added.

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The pathetic condition of BB Mill Road in Bannimantap

With sewage water flowing on road and the road not being asphalted since ages, the BB Mill Road in Bannimantap has been neglected since many years which has now turned into a pathetic condition. Residents and traders of the road alleged that though several complaints were lodged and requests made since many years, no action has been taken to develop the road. The have once again urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the road asphalted and repair the drainage system at the earliest.

Plea to expedite underground cable laying works on Akbar Road

Trenches dug up on Akbar Road 3rd Cross on Nov. 11 to lay underground cables is going on at a snail's pace and the work is still not completed thus causing a lot of problems to the residents. They alleged that it has become difficult for them especially senior citizens and children to move about due to open trenches on the road. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the works completed before any untoward incident takes place.

12 couples to tie knot at 'Saptapadi' mass marriage ceremony tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.9 (RK&DM)- It will be wedding bells for 12 couples who are going to tie knot at the 'Saptapadi' mass marriage ceremony organised by the district administration in association with Muzrai and Religious Endowment Department at Srikanteshwara temple in Nanjangud tomorrow (Dec.10).

This is the first 'Saptapadi' programme to take place this year after Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa launched the programme on Jan.10, 2020, under which the Muzrai temples will bear the marriage expenses, which is estimated at about Rs. 55,000 per couple. The Government which had initially planned to hold the first mass marriage programme of the year in April, was forced to postpone it in the wake of the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Muzrai Tahsildar M. Jagadish Kumar said that a total of 12 pairs of bride and groom had registered for the simple mass marriage ceremony organised by the Government. The marriage will take place at Kalamandira in Nanjangud's Srikanteshwara Temple premises in the auspicious time between 11.30 am and 12.40 pm on Dec. 10.

Pointing out that each groom will be given Rs. 5,000 and bridegroom Rs.10,000 for purchase of marriage clothing and other necessary articles, through a cheque or RTGS mode of payment, he said that besides this, the couple will be given a *mangalsutra* and two gold pendants.

Continuing, Jagadish Kumar said only 15 persons each from bride and groom's side will be allowed to attend the marriage rituals and all of them will be provided morning breakfast and afternoon lunch.

Also, those wedding guests arriving at the venue a day earlier will be provided lodging facility. Srikanteshwara Temple priests will perform the marriage rituals, he said adding that all the participants are compulsorily required to follow COVID-19 protocols such as wearing of face mask, thermal screening and maintenance of physical distancing, among others.

He further said that the Sub-Registrar will be present during the ceremony and will register the marriage at the venue itself, in the presence of staff from Women and Child Development and Police Departments.

Takes charge as Hunsur CMC Commissioner

Hunsur, Dec. 9- KAS grade officer H.R. Ramesh took charge as Hunsur City Municipal Council (CMC) Commissioner on Monday. The post was lying vacant since January 2019 after the then Commissioner Shivappa Nayaka was suspended on charges of irregularities.

H.R. Ramesh

Following Shivappa Nayaka's suspension, CMC Assistant Engineer (AE) Manjunath held concurrent charge as CMC Commissioner. Now, Ramesh, who was serving at Madikeri CMC has been appointed as Hunsur CMC Commissioner, following which he took charge on Dec.7.

Women's Commission Chairperson launches distribution of blankets to needy

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (SD&KS)- Chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Women R. Pramila Naidu launched a blanket distribution programme organised by KMPK Trust at the foot of Chamundi Hill here yesterday morning. The blankets were distributed to the shelterless, roadside vendors and Pourakarmikas to keep them warm this cold season.

Speaking on the occasion, the Women's Commission Chairperson lauded the efforts of Pourakarmikas, who kept the city clean even during COVID-19 pandemic by risking their lives and added that it was the responsibility of everyone to protect their health. She urged the roadside vendors and the homeless to make use of various schemes initiated by the State Government.

Congress leader N.M. Naveen Kumar, who also spoke, said that though the State Government has brought various schemes for the welfare of roadside vendors and the homeless, it was not reaching the beneficiaries. He urged the officials concerned to see that the schemes reach the genuine beneficiaries.

Pointing out that shelter homes in city should not become like prisons in the minds of homeless people, but should be a rehabilitation centre, he said that the present economic state is forcing the shelterless to depend on mass feeding places for food and sleep in front of temples and pavements exposing themselves to extreme cold conditions. He urged the Government to increase the number of shelter homes and provide food for them.

DTS Foundation President D.T. Prakash and GSS Foundation President Srihari also spoke.

Former Corporator M.D. Parthasarathy, Jeevadhara Blood Bank Centre Director Girish, industrialist Apoorva Suresh, KMPK Charitable Trust President Vikram Iyengar and others were present.

Music Concerts at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 9- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised the following concerts starting from tomorrow at its premises on JLB Road in city:

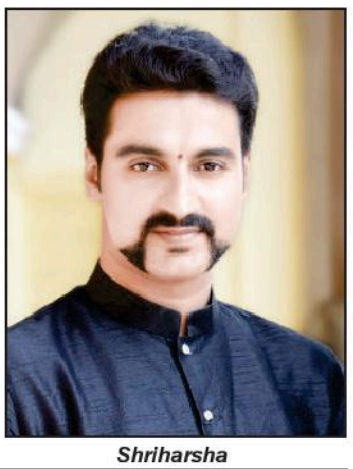
Dec. 10 (6 pm)

Sri D.V.S. Acharya Memorial Concert sponsored by Leela Acharya — **Vidu. M.A. Jyoti** will give a vocal concert along with **Vid. C.N. Tyagaraju** on violin, **Vid. Sai Shiva Lakshmi Keshav** on mridanga and **Vid. Shamith Gowda** on ghata.

Jyoti, a strong academician with a Ph.D in Education and a Masters degree in Science, hails from a very traditional musical family. Born to Neeraja Achut Rao, a renowned musician and Achyuta Rao, she is the granddaughter of scholar, composer H. Yoganarasimhan of Mysuru. Jyoti started her musical journey with her mother for vocal. She also learnt violin under Ganesh Pillai and M. Mahadevappa. As she developed interest and progressed in music, she improved her vocal under Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and Guru Neela Ramgopal while she improved her violin skills under the legendary Maestro Lalgudi Jayaraman.

Vidu. M.A. Jyoti

Rajkamal Nagarajan



Shriharsha

She is a B-High Grade artiste of All India Radio (AIR). She has been performing both on violin and vocal in leading Sabhas. She is a Trustee of Devagitham Sabha & teaches both violin and vocal.

Dec. 11 (6 pm)

Rangarajan Iyengar Birthday Remembrance Programme sponsored by Iyengar Brothers, USA — **Vid. N. Rajkamal** will present a flute concert accompanied by **Vid. Mathur R. Srinidhi** on violin, **Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar** on mridanga and **Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj** on morching.

Rajkamal Nagarajan is a renowned flautist who has been performing as a solo artiste for the past 32 years in major festivals and organisations all over India and abroad. He has extensively toured and performed all over the world in countries like USA, UK, Canada, Germany, Poland, Italy, France, Luxembourg, Israel, South America and Singapore.

He is a proud recipient of 'Sarabha Sastri' award from Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai. He has received several accolades and titles like 'Ananya Puraskar' from the Ananya Cultural Academy in Bengaluru, 'Youth Icon Award' from Lions Club International and 'Raga Laya Prabha Award' from Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandir, Bengaluru.

He has performed with Symphony Orchestra 'Symphonia Baltica' of Poland. He has also performed at the prestigious World Music Festival in Israel.

Dec. 12 (6 pm)

Lalitha V. Murthy Birthday Memorial Concert sponsored by Dr. Prathibha, Padma and Monika V. Murthy. A Devotional Music Special by **M.R. Sriharsha.** He will be accompanied by **Shanmukha Sajja** on keyboard, **Atmaram Nayak** on tabla and **Vinay Rangdhol** on rytham pad.

Shriharsha is a versatile singer. He is the son of G.S. Ravishankar and B.N. Padmavathi, resident of Mysuru. In the initial stage of his music journey, he was trained by Vidu. Rama Gururajachar for nearly five years with a firm foundation and later, since last 16 years, he is under the tutelage of Dr. Vid. R.S. Nandakumar, presently pursuing Vidwat in Karnataka Classical Vocal. He was also the disciple of late Raju Ananthaswamy, the great light music composer and singer and Sunita Chandrakumar, Mysuru.

A rare talent who is capable of singing 10 forms of music and can play 10 musical instruments. He is the only person to achieve hat-trick win at National-level AIR Music Competitions during 2014, 2015 and 2016 and has been awarded as a Graded artiste of the same. He is also a recipient of grants for convening music programme by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, which was released for his 'Manaswini' (A thought respecting women in all walks of life) — a unique Music-Dance-Paint feature.

He has presented programme at National-level as well as globally and has won innumerable accolades. His popularity rose through his participation in *SaReGaMaPa* reality show where he emerged as one of the finalists. He is a good dramatist too. He has many varied musical albums to his credit.

Kanchana Sisters to sing at Ganabharathi

Mysuru, Dec. 9- Ganabharathi is organising a music concert by **Kanchana Sisters — Vidu. Kanchana S. Shriranjani and Vidu. Kanchana S. Shruthiranjani** — at its premises on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar on **Dec. 11 at 6 pm.**

They will be accompanied by **Vid. R. Achutha Rao** on violin and **Vid. A. Radhesh** on mridanga and **Vid. Raghunandan Rao** on ghata.

This will also be streamed both in YouTube and on Facebook and it is available on pages of Ganabharathi.

The programme is organised in memory of B.V. Srinivasa Raghavan and Lalitha Raghavan. All are requested to wear masks and follow necessary guidelines in the auditorium, according to a press release from Ganabharathi Secretary T.S. Venugopal [Mob: 99000-82773].

PROFILES

Kanchana Sisters are among the most sought after duet vocalists in the classical music sphere today. The duo was elected to be on the esteemed Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) panel of artistes and has been performing on prestigious platforms in India and abroad.

Vidu. Kanchana S. Shriranjani and Vidu. Kanchana S. Shruthiranjani

Kanchana Sisters hail from a family of musicians. They were initiated to music at a very young age of 3. And they began presenting classical concerts at the age of 4. The sisters' duo specialises in the rendition of 'Avadhana Pallavis.'

Both earned 1st Rank in 'Vidwat' degree in Karnatak Classical Vocal and Violin examinations conducted by the Government of Karnataka and are 'A' graded artistes in All India Radio (AIR).

Concerts of Kanchana Sisters have been telecast in Doordarshan, SVBC, Shankara, Udaya and other local TV channels. They have performed extensively in India and abroad.

They have conceptualised, directed and performed diversified music projects and some of the popular ones include 'Vachana Viveka', 'Sri Thyagaraja Seetha Kalyanam', 'Demonstration on Thiruppughal' etc. They are experts in notating poetic verses on the spot and have worked with famous poets. The duo has also composed and directed background music for many music albums and dance programmes.

The duo has received many awards including 'Ananya Yuva Pratibha Puraskara' from Ananya Bangalore, gold medal from *Padma Bhushan* Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade for their music achievements.

R. Achyutha Rao is a disciple and the nephew of renowned violin and harmonium artiste Vid. Shri B. Raghuram. He is a 'B-High' graded artiste of AIR. He has accompanied many senior artistes of the current generation, including many top-ranking artistes in the field of Karnatak Classical. An Engineer by qualification, Achyutha Rao currently works for DELL-EMC, a technical firm in Bengaluru.

Vidwan Mysore A. Radhesh is a disciple of Vid. P.G. Laxminarayan and now he is learning under Vid. Mannargudi Eswaran. He has accompanied many reputed musicians.

Raghunandan Rao started learning ghata under the tutelage of Vid. Belakavadi R. Sridhar and continued his lessons under Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy. He has been accompanying several stalwarts in concerts in India and abroad for over 20 years. He is a Chartered Accountant (CA) by profession.

Vid. R. Achutha Rao

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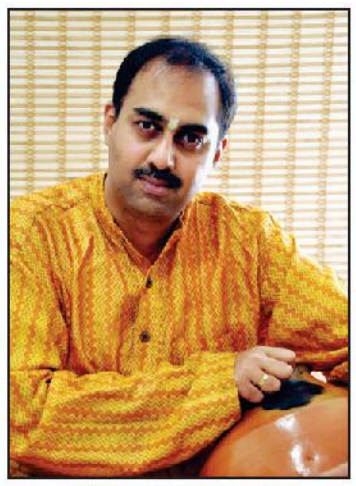

Vid. Raghunandan Rao

WORD OF THE DAY

Incandescent

Pronunciation: in-kun-DESS-unt.
Meaning: White, glowing, or luminous with intense heat; strikingly bright, radiant, or clear; of, relating to, or being light produced by incandescence.
Origin: Incandescent first lit up the English language toward the end of the 18th century, at a time when scientific experiments involving heat and light were being conducted on an increasingly frequent basis. An object that glowed at a high temperature (such as a piece of coal) was incandescent. By the mid-1800s, the incandescent lamp—aka the lightbulb—had been invented; it contains a filament which gives off light when heated by an electric current. Incandescent is the modern offspring of a much older parent, the Latin verb candēre, meaning "to glow." Centuries earlier, the word for another source of light, candle, was also derived from candēre.
Example: The attic was lit by a single incandescent bulb, but that was all the light we needed to read the labels on the storage boxes.

THE ODD WORD

Ichnogram

Footprint

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A miss is as good as a mile

Meaning: A narrow miss is as bad as a wide miss - they are both misses.
Origin: This saying dates from the 18th century. The first example of it that we can find in print is from the USA, in the journal *The American Museum,* Volume 3, 1788: A smart repartee... will carry you through with eclat such as, 'a miss is as good as a mile'. The expression may or may not be American in origin, but the root source is certainly the British Isles. Similar expressions were in circulation there more than a century earlier; for example, this piece from William Camden's Remaines of a Greater Worke Concerning Britaine, 1614: An ynche in a misse is as good as an ell. [An ell is a now obsolete English measure of length, equalling about 45 inches.] Camden's version is clearly essentially the same phrase as 'a miss is as good as a mile', the dimensions being those of the early 17th century. The expression was also considered proverbial in Scotland by the 18th century, where James Kelly included it in A Complete Collection of Scotish Proverbs, 1721: An Inch of a miss is as good as a span. Kelly wrote 'span' as 'spaw', but it is clear what he meant - a span is the distance from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger of a man's hand, usually formalised as 9 inches.

QUOTE BOX

Take your million smiles through billion miles; life will never get boring for you even for a while. **— Israelmore Ayivor**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: A little out of breath.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	8	6	1	3	9	5	2	4
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2	9	5	4	1	3	8	6	7
6	4	7	2	9	8	1	3	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Tansy or thyme
5 Fall behind
8 Scorch
12 ___, Akbar, Anthony
13 Moment of realisation
15 Name given to the more extreme members of a group or community (7,6)
17 Willow twig
18 Lincoln's Mary
19 Use a needle
21 Confused fight or struggle; muddle
24 Part of a circle
27 Camouflaging, cloaking or concealing
30 Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
31 Rockers ___ Jam
32 BJP and their allies?
33 Making antiquated or obsolete
35 Deity - the Almighty
36 Periods of time
37 Rowing device
39 Whip; strike violently
41 Travels for work or as a sight-seer?
45 Without ___ __ __ : for no cause at all? (5,2,6)
49 Hired killer
50 Coarse stiff hair
51 Takes a chair
52 Greek goddess of dawn
53 Snare or bait

DOWN

1 Nimbus round a holy person's head
2 Australian birds
3 Ms Mukherjee of "Aati Kya Khandala" fame
4 Scottish hillsides
5 Maui garland
6 Headache tablet
7 One of some you receive on your birthday?
8 Reproved or rebuked
9 Dealing with, controlling
10 Director __ Lee
11 Bread or grass or whisky?
14 Make known or announce officially
16 Enters another's property without permission
20 Sharpen by rubbing; make keen?
22 Internal as a prefix?
23 A slang word uttered in amazement or surprise
24 Chinese seaport - "Mayo" anagram?
25 Profligate, rake
26 Reaction facilitator
28 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
29 Yes __ __ : please give the answer? (2,2)
34 Stage plays
38 Cook by dry heat
40 Flexible water pipe
42 Consumer or employer
43 Duty-roster
44 Break in half
45 An Ethiopian prince
46 Horizontal Situation Indicator
47 SA river ___ Grande
48 Hosp. personnel

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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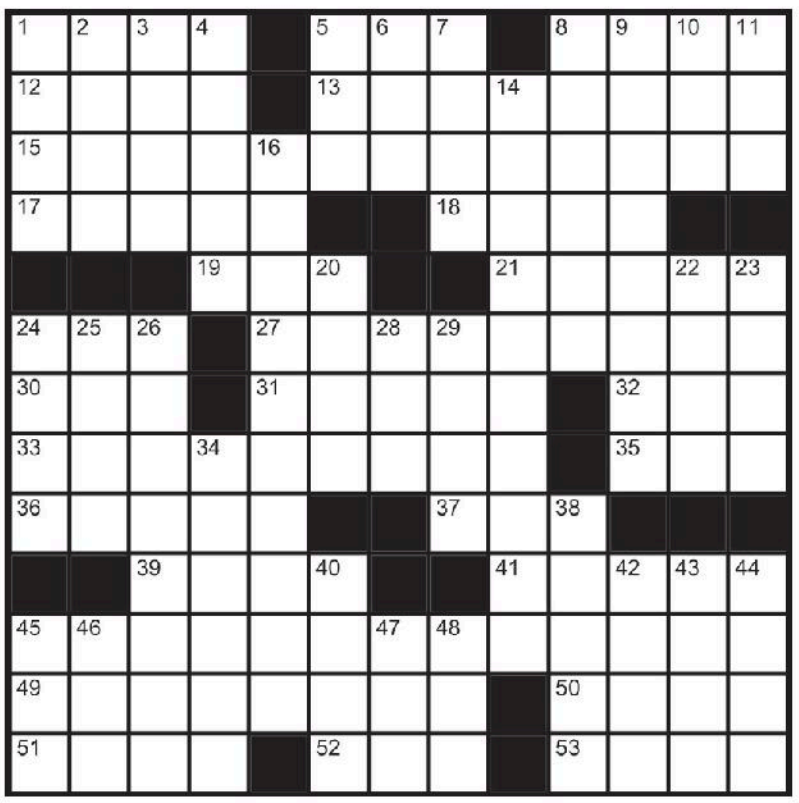

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JFDRFKFDYQOF TR BYTPTQS QTQFGFFQ GTCFR

YQM RAOOFFMTQS GXF GLFQGTFGX.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.

Govt. will start 1,000 Khelo India Centres

to help retired sports persons

Kiren Rijiju

New Delhi, Dec. 9- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju yesterday said that the Government has made various policy changes and has taken initiatives to encourage and support sports persons and the sporting community even after they retire.

Addressing the 10th Global Sports Summit, TURF 2020, organised by FICCI, Rijiju said, "We are also starting 1,000 Khelo India small centres across the country that will help retired sports persons get employment or some role in shaping the sports culture of the country."

"When a sports person suffers, it discourages generations. The Government is also ensuring that the prize money, financial support from the Government reaches the athletes and the designated beneficiaries uninterrupted."

The Minister noted that India has huge potential where sports is concerned but potential alone has no meaning unless utilised and channelised in the right way.

"We must make citizens pro-sports and pro-fitness; we cannot talk about a prosperous India with citizens being unfit. We cannot talk about a sporting culture without first creating success in the sporting arena," Rijiju said.

He urged industry, business and corporate houses to come together with the Govt. in helping create a sporting obsessive society.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 9)

- **Impressionz:** Designers' Expo, The Quorum Hotel, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** 'Nudi Namana' to senior writer and journalist T.C. Vishweshwaraiah, District Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **4.30 pm.**
- **Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru:** MyBuild-20 Exhibition (virtual) — an exhibition of construction materials, interiors and lifestyles — Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh inaugurates in the presence of Suresh Babu, Director of Karnataka State Highway Improvement Project, Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust (MBCT) Auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar, *[www.mybuildvirtual.com]* **5 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 10)

- **People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), Mysuru:** World Human Rights Day, Prof. M. Umapathi of Sociology Department (retd.) and Food Scientist & Senior Women Activist Prof. E. Rati Rao presides, Shyagale Shivarudramma Trust, #403, Contour Road, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Sri D.V.S. Acharya Memorial Concert sponsored by Leela Acharya — Vocal concert by Vidu. M.A. Jyoti, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Tyagaraju on violin, Vid. Sai Shiva Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

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	(S-3)	8.45 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 5.15 pm
Peninsula (E)	(S-3)	2.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

NorthEast, Bengaluru share points after a thrilling draw

Gurpreet Singh Sandhu (Bengaluru FC) makes a vital save against NorthEast United FC.

Margao, Dec. 9- Luis Machado scored either side of the break to help NorthEast United FC come from behind and share the points with Bengaluru FC in their 2020-21 Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) match at the Fatorda Stadium here yesterday. For Bengaluru, Juanan and Udanta Singh were on target.

NorthEast United FC started the game with a lot of intent with Kwesi Appiah particularly looking ebullient. And the Highlanders didn't have to wait long to get ahead in the match, thanks to Suhair Vadakkepeedika setting up Rochharzela from the right flank and the latter's shot in the fourth minute took a deflection off Machado in the box and Bengaluru goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu could do nothing. Bengaluru FC improved in a big way after conceding that goal. And just nine minutes later hit back through a Juanan goal. A long throw-in by Rahul Bheke landed in the box at the feet of several players in front of goal and in the melee a lucky Juanan got the opportunity near the left post to put the ball in.

In the 19th minute, Ashique Kuruniyan made a nice run on the left and eventually went for the far post, however, an alert Gurmeet dove full-stretch to his left and took the strike off target. Harmanjot Khabra too could have doubled the lead for Bengaluru in the 26th minute but after smartly foxing a NorthEast player on the right he couldn't execute a left-footed shot properly from inside the box to the great disappointment of his team-mates as the strike just went past the right post.

In the 43rd minute of the match, NorthEast's Khassa Camara averted danger as he used his shin to put a corner-in away over the crossbar with Sunil Chhetri just lurking behind. Moments later Machado's fiercely-struck free-kick from the left forced Gurpreet to leap and ward off the danger. That was the last piece of action of any significance in the first half as both teams went into the break at 1-1.

Gurpreet continued having a busy day at the office in the second half and seven minutes into it got in the way of Appiah's goal-bound header. Life was no different for Gurmeet at the other end either. The game picked up the pace after the hour mark as Dimas Delgado failed to head in properly a nice long cross from right and then moments later Kristian Opseth was denied by a diving Gurmeet.

Bengaluru, however, did succeed in taking the lead in the 70th minute through substitute Udanta Singh who raced on the right to make a nice connection with the ball headed down by Chhetri from the other side of the box.

Against the run of play eight minutes later, Machado scored his second of the night to bring parity. The Portuguese pounced on a long ball and expertly beat Gurpreet to make it 2-2. Bengaluru tried to get back in the ascendancy but nothing came of the chances they created in the last few minutes, especially from one free-kick taken by Chhetri just outside the box.

With the draw, both Bengaluru (six points from 4 games) and NorthEast (nine points from 5 games) remain unbeaten in the league.

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Luis Machado; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Sunil Chhetri (Bengaluru FC).

Hero Indian Super League

Today's Match (Dec. 9)

MUMBAI CITY
Vs
CHENNAIYIN FC
GMC Stadium,
Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 10)

EAST BENGAL
Vs
JAMSHEDPUR
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Yesterday's Result

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